

REMARKS

It is noted that the Examiner has not accepted the drawings in any of the previous Office Actions, Applicants respectfully request that the drawings be indicated as acceptable in the subsequent correspondence.

It is noted with appreciation that claims 2, 3, 5, 10, 32, 35, 37-40 and 44-47 have been indicated as allowable.

Claims 15, 16, 23, 33, 36, 41-43 and 48-51 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph and second paragraph. Applicants have amended the claims to overcome these rejections, and respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn.

Claims 48-51 have been provisionally objected under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75 as being merely duplicative of claims 33, 15, 16 and 23. However, Applicants respectfully disagree. Claim 48, which depends from claim 32, recites, among other features, wherein the combustor and/or turbine are provided with film cooling openings that communicate with the first and second cooling lines, wherein means for cooling the cooling air are located in the first cooling lines. In contrast, claim 33 recites wherein the components to be cooled are provided with drilled film cooling openings that communicate with the first and second cooling lines, wherein means for cooling the cooling air are located in the first cooling lines. Applicants request withdrawal of the provisional objection.

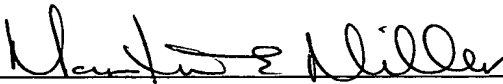
Applicants respectfully request a notification of allowance because the present claims overcome the rejections and objections of record.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, or should the Examiner believe a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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